GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services – Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Disciplinary Cases - Misappropriation of Government funds to a tune of Rs.35,88,087/- (Rupees thirty five lakhs eighty eight thousand eighty seven only) - Prima facie established – Initiation of disciplinary action against Sri V.Ramu Naik, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture(SC), Adoni, Kurnool and present Deputy Director of Agriculture, O/o DTC (DRC), Sri Satya Sai District and working as DDA, O/o DDA, PDDF, Yemmiganur Kurnool District (on OD basis), under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Issuance of Articles of Charge – Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.06 **Dated: 09/01/2025**

Read the following:

1. Govt. Memo No: AGC01-AGRI/129/2019, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.26.06.2019 and reminder even No. dt.01-01-2020.
2. From Sri Raghava Reddy & 2 others, Aspiri Village & Mandal, Kurnool District, Repn. dt.nil. (received through CMP No.250 Spl. Officer/2019, dt.04-12-2019.)
3. Govt., Memo No AGC01-AGRI/129/2019, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.01.01.2020 & 26.06.2019.
4. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr. No. Vig. 1(2) 180/2019, dated:06/10/2021.
5. Govt., Memo No AGC01-AGRI/129/2019, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.07.02.2022.
6. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr. No. Vig 1(2) 180/2019, dt.28.04.2023.
7. Govt.Memo.No.AGC01-AGRI/129/2019, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.05.05.2023.
8. From the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.AGC02-32026(32)/24/2019-VIG-AGRHOD, dt.10.08.2024.
9. Govt.Memo.No.AGC01-AGRI/129/2019, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.29.08.2024
10. From the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Rc.No.Vig.I(2)AGC02-32026(32)/24/2019-VIG, dt.10.08.2024

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri V.Ramu Naik, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Adoni, Kurnool and present Deputy Director of Agriculture, O/o DTC (DRC), Sri Satya Sai District and working as DDA, O/o DDA, PDDF, Yemmiganur Kurnool District (on OD basis), with regard to misappropriation of Government funds to a tune of Rs.35,88,087/- (Rupees thirty five lakhs eighty eight thousand eighty seven only), in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure-I), Statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior on which action is proposed to be taken against him as Annexure-II, a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Article of Charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-III and IV.

3. Sri V.Ramu Naik, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Adoni, Kurnool and present Deputy Director of Agriculture, O/o DTC (DRC), Sri Satya Sai District and working as DDA, O/o DDA, PDDF, Yemmiganur Kurnool District (on OD basis), is directed to submit a Written Statement of Defense (WSD) within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri V.Ramu Naik, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (SC), Adoni, Kurnool and present Deputy Director of Agriculture, O/o DTC (DRC), Sri Satya Sai District and working as DDA, O/o DDA, PDDF, Yemmiganur Kurnool District (on OD basis), is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Articles of Charge.

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5. Sri V.Ramu Naik, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Adoni, Kurnool and present Deputy Director of Agriculture, O/o DTC (DRC), Sri Satya Sai District and working as DDA, O/o DDA, PDDF, Yemmiganur Kurnool District (on OD basis), is further informed that if he does not submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiry Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Attention of Sri V.Ramu Naik, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Adoni, Kurnool and present Deputy Director of Agriculture, O/o DTC (DRC), Sri Satya Sai District and working as DDA, O/o DDA, PDDF, Yemmiganur Kurnool District (on OD basis), is invited to rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the A. P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR
EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Sri V.Ramu Naik, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (SC), Adoni, Kurnool and present Deputy Director of Agriculture, O/o DTC (DRC), Sri Satya Sai District and working as DDA, O/o DDA, PDDF, Yemmiganur Kurnool District (on OD basis) (through the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)

Copy to:

The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
(With a request to serve the original G.O. on the Charged Officer and obtain his dated acknowledgement on the Xerox copy and furnish the same along with his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) to the Government)

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.RAMU NAIK, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (SC), ADONI, KURNOOL AND PRESENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, O/o DTC (DRC), SRI SATYA SAI DISTRICT AND WORKING AS DDA, O/o DDA, PDDF, YEMMIGANUR KURNOOL DISTRICT (ON OD BASIS):

ARTICLE OF CHARGE - I:

"That the said Sri V.Ramu Naik, Deputy Director of Agriculture, while working as ADA (SC), Adoni has deviated the procedure and paid an amount of Rs.12,42,000/-to M/s Chaitanya Nursery towards supply of tomato seedlings without collecting non subsidy amount from the farmers, which is a fake nursery and the bills & receipts are dubious. Thus, intentionally misappropriated Government money towards subsidy portion for supply of Tomato seedlings supplied to Cluster-4 of RAD 2013-14; Thus, he was not devoted to duty and negligent in discharging of his legitimate duties, which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE - II:

"That the said Sri V.Ramu Naik, Deputy Director of Agriculture, while working as ADA (SC), Adoni during implementation of RAD 2014-15 programme in Bondimadugula, Jonnagiri and Yerragudi clusters, deviated the instructions of Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, AP and paid an amount of Rs.5,10,000/- to M/s Krishi Enterprises, Tirupati towards purchase cost of Electric Motors 7.5 HP8, even though there is no allocation for electric motors and the said M/s Krishi Enterprises, Tirupati is not a manufacturing firm. But, instead of electric motors, he supplied water carrying pipes to the farmers. Thus, misappropriated an amount of Rs.5,10,000/- of Government funds. Thus, he was not devoted to duty and negligent in discharging of his legitimate duties, which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE - III:

"That the said Sri V.Ramu Naik, Deputy Director of Agriculture, while working as ADA (SC), Adoni procured water carrying pipes from a non-approved firm i.e., M/s Krushi Enterprises, Tirupati and made payment of an amount of Rs.11,25,000/- to the said firm, in contrary to the instructions of the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture issued vide Memo No.CS(1)128/2013, Dt:04.03.2014. Thus, he committed procedural lapses. Thus, the said Sri V.Ramu Naik was not devoted to duty and negligent in discharging of his legitimate duties, which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE - IV:

"That the said Sri V.Ramu Naik, Deputy Director of Agriculture, while working as ADA (SC), Adoni has drawn an amount of Rs.2,06,000/- from RKVY scheme funds irregularly in the shape of self-cheques without any authorization and without maintaining sanction orders/Vouchers/acquaintances as detailed below.

S.No.	Check No.	Date	Amount (in Rs)
1.	227491	03-4-2017	70,000/-
2.	227492	06-4-2017	66,000/-
3.	227493	06-4-2017	70,000/-
	Total		2,06,000/-

He misappropriated Government money to a tune of Rs.2,06,000/-. He was not devoted to duty and negligent in discharging of his legitimate duties, which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

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ARTICLE OF CHARGE - V:

"That the said Sri V.Ramu Naik, Deputy Director of Agriculture, while working as ADA (SC), Adoni, drawn Rs.3,36,700/- towards hiring charges of private vehicles in the shape of self-cheques and also not maintained relevant tour dairy or log books which is contrary to the G.OMs No.5 Finance & Planning (FW-W & M) Dept. dated:04.01.1994. Thus, he was not devoted to duty and negligent in discharging of his legitimate duties, which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE - VI:

"That the said Sri V.Ramu Naik, Deputy Director of Agriculture while working as ADA (SC), Adoni, drawn irregularly an amount of Rs.79,387/- towards Diesel Bills and paid to his driver in the name of unconditioned Government vehicle, and also not maintained vouchers, bills, log extracts, which is a violation of G.OMs No.5, Finance & Planning (FW-W & M) Dept. dated: 04.01.1994. Thus, he was not devoted to duty and negligent in discharging of his legitimate duties, which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE - VII:

"That the said Sri V.Ramu Naik, Deputy Director of Agriculture, while working as ADA (SC), Adoni, made un-fruitful expenditure of Rs.14000/- for purchasing battery of jeep, jeep top and new seat covers for Jeep No. APQ6602 which was not in condition and lying idle since 2013. Thus, the said Sri V. Ramu Naik, the then ADA (SC) Adoni, mis-utilized an amount of Rs.14,000/-. Thus, he was not devoted to duty and negligent in discharging of his legitimate duties, which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

ARTICLE OF CHARGE - VIII:

That the said Sri V.Ramu Naik, Deputy Director of Agriculture, while working as ADA (SC), Adoni, has not maintained the cash book of RKVY Scheme properly and an amount of Rs.78,000/- was credited in RKVY scheme bank account operated by the ADA (SC) Adoni and but, the same was not reflected in cash book as on 01.06.2017. Thus, he was not devoted to duty and negligent in discharging of his legitimate duties, which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

Article of Charge - IX:

That the said Sri V.Ramu Naik, Deputy Director of Agriculture, while working as ADA (SC), Adoni, purchased computer and printer without obtaining permission from the competent authority and also not intimated to his higher authorities for ratification orders, which is highly irregular and against Government orders. Thus, he was not devoted to duty and negligent in discharging of his legitimate duties, which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MIS-BEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.RAMU NAIK, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (SC), ADONI, KURNOOL AND PRESENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, O/o DTC (DRC), SRI SATYA SAI DISTRICT AND WORKING AS DDA, O/o DDA, PDDF, YEMMIGANUR KURNOOL DISTRICT (ON OD BASIS):

BASIS OF THE CHARGE:

The Govt., vide Memo. No. AGC01-AGRI/175/2019, dated 24-07-2019, have forwarded the complaint petition received from the farmers of Aspiri Mandal, Kurnool District dated nil, against Sri V.Ramu Naik, the then ADA (SC) Adoni, Kurnool district and requested to take necessary action on Sri V.Ramu Naik. While working as ADA (SC), the individual was alleged to be committed certain irregularities like, by collecting huge amounts, he sanctioned Agricultural inputs, Motor engines, Tractors and other machines to the benamee farmers, collected heavy amount from Fertilizer dealers for renewal of their Fertilizer licenses, mis-utilized the Govt. funds and also alleged that he is maintaining two families and finally requested to transfer him to other Zone.

Smt. V.V. Vijaya Lakshmi, the then Director, SAMETI was appointed as inquiry officer to conduct inquiry on the said allegations and then the inquiry officer has submitted the preliminary inquiry report stating that certain allegations are proved and the said report was submitted to the Government.

In response to this Government vide Memo.No.AGC01-AGRI/129/2019. dt:07.02.2022 have requested to investigate into the allegation of Polygamy of Sri V. Ramu Naik, DDA and also requested to conduct the audit of expenditure on the schemes implemented during his tenure as ADA (SC)Adoni, Kurnool district and furnish report to Government for further action in the matter.

Accordingly, the then Director, SAMETI was requested to conduct inquiry in respect of allegation of Polygamy of Sri V. Ramu Naik, DDA and subsequently, she has submitted the Inquiry Report in which the Polygamy allegation was not proved.

Further, the CAO of this office was requested to conduct audit of expenditure on the schemes implemented during his tenure as ADA (SC), Adoni, Kurnool district. The CAO of this office has submitted the Audit report, Dated:26.05.2022 on the accounts of ADA (SC), Adoni, Kurnool District duly conducting Special Audit on expenditure of the Schemes implemented during the tenure of Sri V.Rama Naik, DDA, when worked as ADA (SC), Adoni, Kurnool District.

Both the reports were submitted to the Government. On verification of Inquiry report the Government vide Memo.No.AGC01-AGRI/129/2019, Dt:05.05.2023 have requested to address the Collector & District Magistrate concerned to get the allegation of polygamy of Sri V. Ramu Naik, ADA (SC), Adoni, Kurnool District investigated and to submit report and also requested to examine the Audit Report with regard to the expenditure on the schemes implemented during the port with regard to the expenditure on the schemes implemented during the tenure of Sri V.Ramu Naik as ADA (SC), Adoni. Kurnool District and to submit the remarks / recommendations for further action in the matter. Thus, this office requested the Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool and the DAO, Kurnool to submit their remarks.

In response to the above, the DAO, Kurnool has informed that the Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool has appointed to conduct inquiry in respect of allegation of polygamy of Sri V. Ramu Naik and then conducted inquiry and submitted report. She stated in her findings that "From all the evidences produced before her during inquiry, it is ascertained that there are no substantial evidences of polygamy with respect to Sri Ramu Nailk, DDA.

The DAO, Kurnool also furnished the remarks on the Special Audit Report with regard to the expenditure on the schemes implemented during the tenure of Sri V.Ramu Naik, the then DDA(SC), Kurnool presently working as DDA, (PD &DF), Yemmiganur, Kurnnol District on OD basis.

(P.T.O.)

On examination of the Audit report and the remarks submitted by the DAO, Kurnool, the following observations are made:

1. An amount of Rs.12,42,000/- was misappropriated towards subsidy portion for tomato seedlings supplied to Cluster-4 of RAD 2013-14;
2. An amount of Rs.5,10,000/- was misappropriated towards supply of electric motors under RAD-2014-15;
3. An amount of Rs.11,25,000/ was misappropriated towards supply of water carrying pipes;
4. An amount of Rs.2,06,000/- was misappropriated from RKVY scheme funds;
5. An amount of Rs.3,36,700/- was misappropriated towards vehicle hiring charges;
6. An amount of Rs.79,387/- was misappropriated towards diesel bills and driver;
7. An amount of Rs.14,000/- was misappropriated towards purchase of battery, jeep top and new seat covers;
8. An amount of Rs.75,000/- was misappropriated towards construction of farm pond:
9. purchased computer and printer without obtaining permission from the competent authority and also the fact of said purchase was not Intimated to the higher authorities;

Accordingly, it is construed that Sri V.Ramu Naik, DDA while working as ADA (SC), Adoni had misappropriated the Govt. funds, which attracts violation of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence charges.

Sd/- B. RAJSEKHAR
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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.RAMU NAIK, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (SC), ADONI, KURNOOL AND PRESENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, O/o DTC (DRC), SRI SATYA SAI DISTRICT AND WORKING AS DDA, O/o DDA, PDDF, YEMMIGANUR KURNOOL DISTRICT (ON OD BASIS) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

1. Roc. No.A1/296472/2019 Audit report of the DAO Kurnool, Dt:03.05.2024.
2. Roc. No.A1/296472/2019 Enquiry report of the DAO Kurnool, Dt:18.03.2024.
3. No Special Audit/429/2022 remarks on the Special Audit Report Dated:07-03- 2023.
4. Rc.No. Special Audit/429/2022 Special Audit report of Account section Dt:07-09- 2022.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI V.RAMU NAIK, THE THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (SC), ADONI, KURNOOL AND PRESENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, O/o DTC (DRC), SRI SATYA SAI DISTRICT AND WORKING AS DDA, O/o DDA, PDDF, YEMMIGANUR KURNOOL DISTRICT (ON OD BASIS) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

- NIL -

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